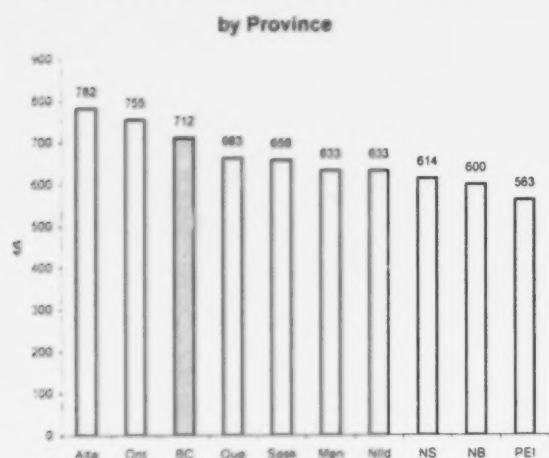
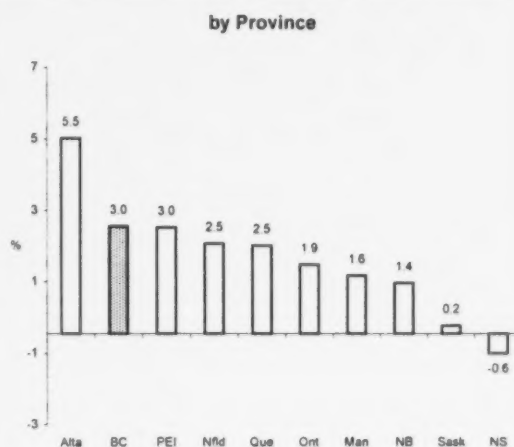


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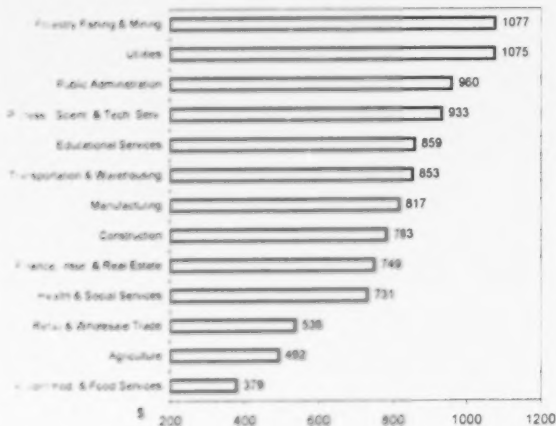
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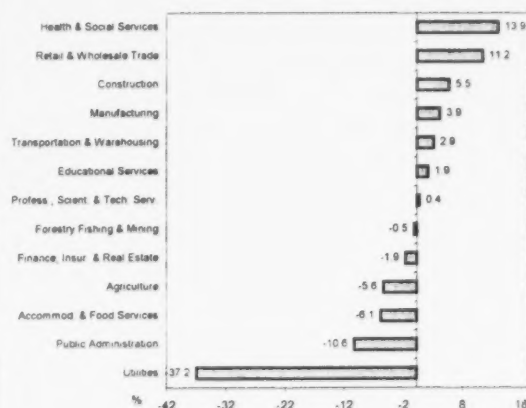


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* Latest 12 month average

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Highlights: Labour Market Characteristics of the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Population in British Columbia

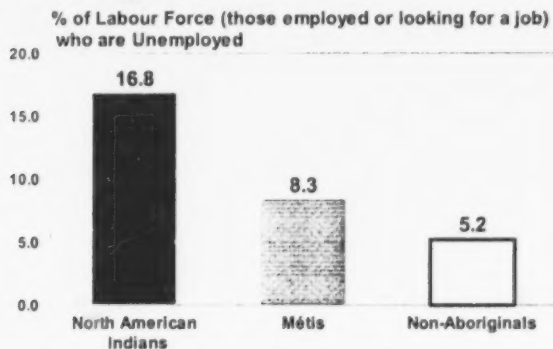
For the 12 month period April 2005 to March 2006

Off-Reserve
Aboriginal
Peoples

Since April 2004, Statistics Canada has been collecting data through the monthly Labour Force Survey on the labour market status of Aboriginal peoples living off-reserve in the four western provinces. In order to get more reliable information for the British Columbia component of the survey, the province of British Columbia sponsored an increased sample which was phased in from October 2004 until March 2005. From April 2005 to March 2006, the survey continued monthly at its maximum level of respondents. Thus, for that 12 month period, the most reliable labour market data covering a full year¹ was produced on the off-reserve North American Indian and Métis populations living in BC. For this reason, BC STATS decided to release a summary of the data for this unconventional time period.

The expanded sample of Aboriginal peoples in the Labour Force Survey has made it possible to provide estimates of their labour market characteristics at 3 sub-provincial areas of the province; 1) the Large Metropolitan Areas of Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford and Kelowna; 2) the South, excluding the large metropolitan areas; and 3) the North. [To view the geography of these three regions click here.](#) There are also tabulations of where the First Nations, who live off-reserve, reside in the province by First Nations Groups and by Band. [To view the place of residency of First Nations/Band Members who live off-reserve click here.](#)

The Unemployment Rate for Aboriginal peoples remains significantly higher than for non-Aboriginal people. The pattern seen in this chart is typical of the ethnic groups' relative labour market successes.



In this chart of comparative unemployment rates from the LFS, the inequity between the Aboriginal Groups and non-Aboriginals is indicative of the profile revealed by Census data over the years. The relative success in the labour market of North American Indians, Métis and non-Aboriginal people follows a very consistent pattern in all the standard measures used to measure labour market success - unemployment rates, employment rates, wage rates, occupation distribution, skill levels, etc. - a pattern that shows North American Indians in BC are considerably disadvantaged compared to the non-Aboriginal population and the Métis group falls somewhere in between.

¹ Census produces far more reliable estimates but the data measures the labour market conditions for only the month of May every 5 years.

So much of the inequity can be attributed to the large discrepancies in the three groups' education attainment. Only one out of every ten prime-age persons in the non-Aboriginal population has not attained at least some form of education credential compared to one out of every four Aboriginal persons. The impression of the adjacent chart is that North American Indians and the Métis have very similar education profiles. However that is not the case. The Métis are more polarized, showing a large proportion without a credential but among those with a credential, the level of their credential is higher.

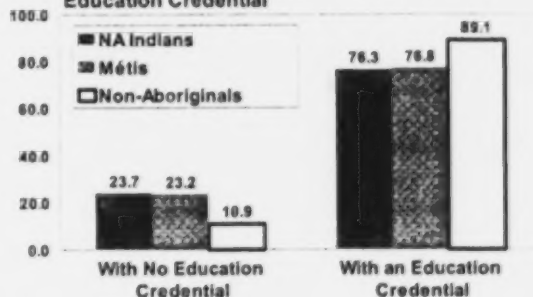
Across the whole population, persons who finish high school and then obtain a post secondary credential are more successful in the labour market than those with only a high school diploma or a post secondary credential. Most people with a post secondary credential but no high school diploma have obtained a post secondary credential that has minimal value in the workplace. For example it might be an Adult Basic Education certificate which is the equivalent of a grade 10 or grade 11 standing without any additional vocational skills. There is a relatively high incidence of North American Indians who are in this situation.

The third chart on this page shows the extent that differences in education levels dictate labour market success. Using the employment rates as the indicator of success, when the education levels are standardized² the gap in the probability of having a job is decreased significantly. In fact there is virtually no difference in employment rates between the Métis and the non-Aboriginal populations who have a high school diploma plus a post secondary credential.

² The sample size is too small to fully standardize by education level. Distortions remain because the quality of the post secondary credential varies considerably between the three groups. The non-Aboriginal group has a higher percentage with a university degree than do the Métis, and the Métis more so than North American Indians.

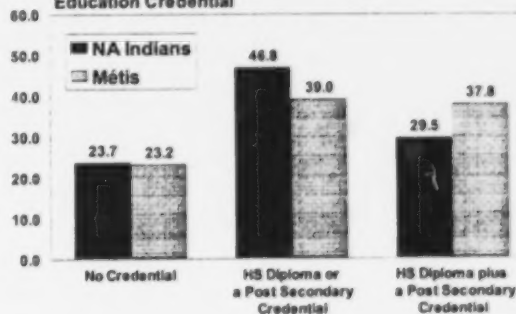
The different levels of education attainment goes a long way in explaining the inequality in the work place between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. However, according to this simple breakout, it appears as though the Métis and NA Indians have very similar education profiles.

% distribution of the Population Age 25-64 by Education Credential



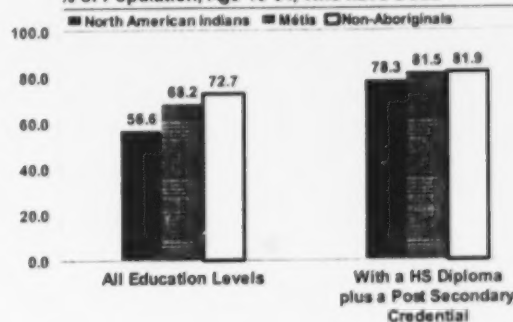
But when the type of credential is broken out, it becomes obvious that a far larger proportion of Métis have obtained both a high school diploma plus a post secondary credential.

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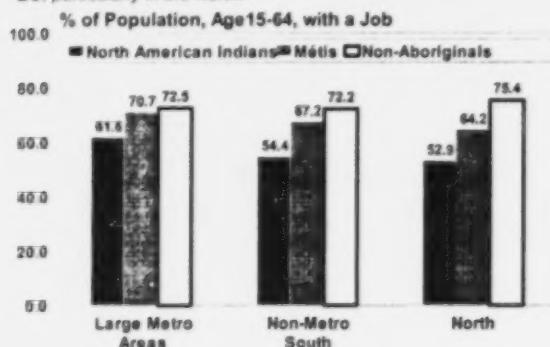


The inequity in labour market outcomes among the three groups, as measured by the proportion of the working age population who have a job, is almost eradicated when the comparison is done on the well educated population.

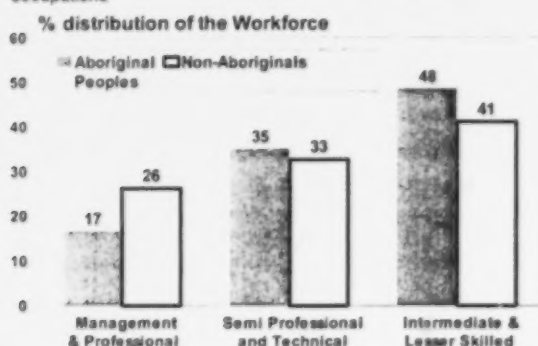
% of Population, Age 15-64, Who have a Job



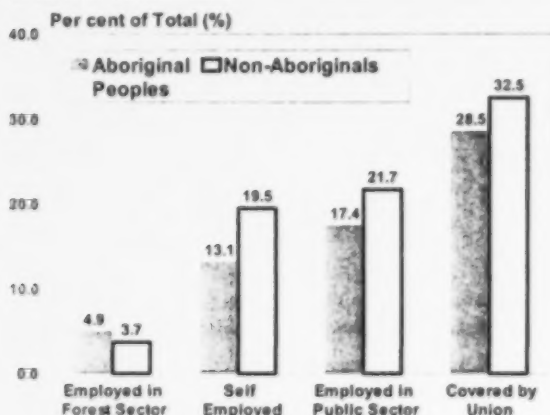
In the large metro areas of BC, the differential in the work profiles of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people is not as extreme. However, the low employment rates of North American Indians indicate they are an extremely disadvantaged group throughout BC, particularly in the North.



As one would expect, given their differing levels of education attainment, Aboriginal people are under-represented in the higher skilled occupations and over-represented in the lower skilled occupations.



Other Job Characteristics

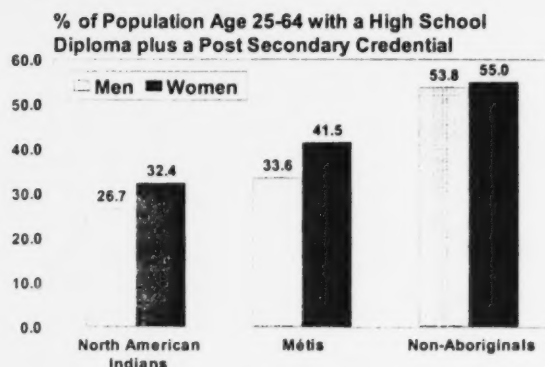


While the patterns of Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal labour market inequities exist throughout the province, the difference in employment rates between North American Indians and non-Aboriginal people in Northern BC is particularly daunting. In a part of the province where three out of four prime-aged non-Aboriginal persons are able to find work, not much more than one in two (53%) North American Indians are able to do so. The Métis in the North also seem to be having problems relative to the Métis in other parts of BC as well as to the non-Aboriginals in the region. On the other hand, in the large metro areas of the province, the Métis appear to be almost as successful at getting work as the non-Aboriginal population. [Click her to view a map of the Regions.](#)

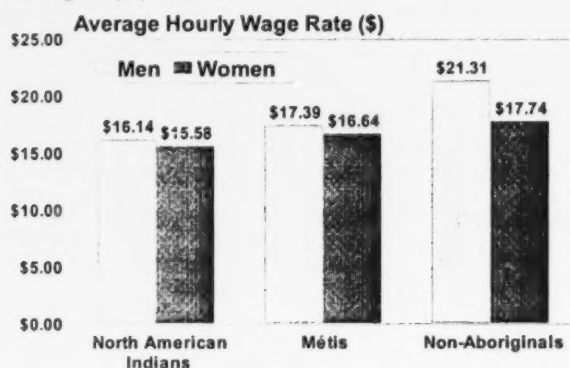
The disparity in educational attainment means the skill levels of the jobs that are available to Aboriginal people are considerably lower than those available to non-Aboriginal people. Few Aboriginal people have university degrees, so most of the professions are not accessible. Aboriginal people are more than equally represented in the Technical group of occupations, particularly in the trades. Four out of 10 of the Métis work force are in this occupational group.

Other interesting information gleaned from the data is that Aboriginal people are more likely than non-Aboriginal people to work in the forest sector; Aboriginal people show lower representation in the public sector and lower levels of unionization which both can be explained by the fact that they are less likely to work in the health and education sectors which consist primarily of unionized, public sector jobs. Relatively fewer Aboriginal people are self-employed because fewer are in the professions and the professions have the highest incidence of self-employment.

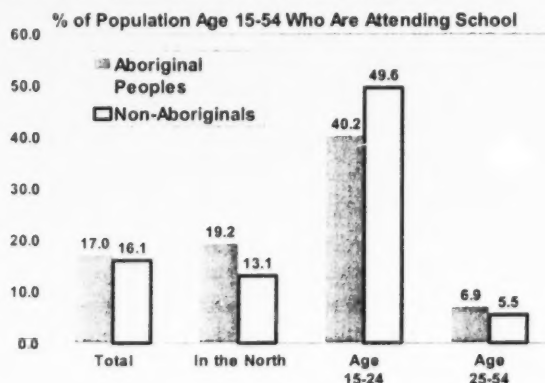
Among the Aboriginal populations, the women are significantly better educated than the men.



The fact that Aboriginal women are so much better educated than Aboriginal men probably explains why their gender wage gap is less pronounced than that for the non-Aboriginal population.



Aboriginal population over the age of 25 are more inclined to attend school than the non-Aboriginal population.



The gender differences in educational attainment are also of interest. The women in off-reserve Aboriginal communities far surpass the men in their education levels. Forty-two per cent of Métis women have completed high school plus post secondary, well ahead of the men where only 34 per cent have achieved the same level. There is considerably more equity in the education levels of men and women in the non-Aboriginal community.

The relative wage rates between the Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal groups reflect the relative education levels of their populations. Thus it is not surprising that non-Aboriginals earn so much more than Aboriginals. However, the gender difference in wages between the groups is quite interesting.

Among the non-Aboriginal community, men earn \$3.57 more than women while there is a minimal difference between Aboriginal male and female wage rates (North American Indian men earn only \$.56 more per hour). But that smaller male/female wage gap in the Aboriginal communities is not indicative of greater gender equality, as the Aboriginal women's education levels are so much higher than the men's. When their differences are standardized by education levels, the wage gaps are as pronounced as they are among non-Aboriginal people.

Hope for the future comes from the fact that Aboriginal people are returning to school in their adult years. The percentages appear fairly small at 7 per cent but that is on a yearly basis. If 6 per cent of all Aboriginal adults complete a post secondary credential each year, their education attainment levels could improve very quickly.

SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
		BC	Canada	U.S.A.	Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		% Change			BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
					% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1996		0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.7	0.9	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997		0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998		0.3	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	3.9	1.1	0.5	2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999		1.1	1.7	2.2	1.2	2.7	3.2	0.1	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000		1.9	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.2	0.4	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
2001		1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
2002		2.3	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2003		2.1	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.8	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
2004		2.0	1.9	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.7	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
2005		2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.5	1.3	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
2005	Jan	2.3	2.0	3.0	4.4	3.0	3.8	2.0	1.0	0.8	2.4	1.3	1.3	6.5	7.0	5.2
	Feb	2.1	2.1	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.4	0.7	0.4	-1.6	3.7	1.5	1.3	7.0	7.0	5.4
	Mar	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	0.8	0.2	-0.7	3.3	1.4	1.6	6.5	6.9	5.1
	Apr	2.0	2.4	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	1.5	0.6	-0.5	3.9	1.2	1.8	6.1	6.8	5.1
	May	1.5	1.6	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.3	2.2	1.1	-0.5	3.7	1.2	2.0	5.9	6.9	5.1
	Jun	1.5	1.7	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.9	1.9	1.8	0.4	2.1	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	5.0
	Jul	1.9	2.0	3.2	2.6	3.8	2.7	0.7	1.7	-0.4	2.6	1.3	1.8	6.1	6.8	5.0
	Aug	2.1	2.6	3.6	2.2	4.2	1.7	0.1	1.6	-1.9	3.6	1.6	2.1	5.7	6.8	4.9
	Sep	2.4	3.4	4.7	1.6	4.2	3.6	-0.8	0.8	-1.0	2.8	1.3	2.1	5.6	6.7	5.1
	Oct	2.3	2.6	4.3	0.3	4.0	4.6	-1.9	1.3	0.2	3.3	1.6	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.9
	Nov	2.0	2.0	3.5	2.5	3.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	0.1	4.4	1.7	1.7	4.9	6.4	5.0
	Dec	1.8	2.2	3.4	1.4	4.0	2.8	-0.4	1.8	-0.6	3.5	1.6	1.9	5.1	6.5	4.9
2006	Jan	1.6	2.8	4.0	1.7	3.5	3.9	0.1	0.7	-0.1	3.1	1.7	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.7
	Feb	1.6	2.2	3.6	1.7	3.3	3.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	3.5	1.7	2.1	4.8	6.4	4.8
	Mar	1.8	2.2	3.4	2.9	3.7	4.1	1.1	1.5	0.7	4.0	2.1	2.2	4.4	6.3	4.7
	Apr	1.8	2.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	5.1	1.1	1.0	1.5	3.6	1.9	1.8	4.5	6.4	4.7
	May				3.2	4.2	2.9				3.0	2.3	1.7	4.7	6.1	4.6
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	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996																						
1997	573.25		612.63		562.34		503.70		508.80		605.28		548.86		488.70		479.75		440.72		495.30	
1998	581.38	1.4	621.21	1.4	574.30	2.1	510.88	1.4	517.48	1.7	612.18	1.1	557.54	1.6	497.82	1.9	494.58	3.1	447.28	1.5	492.94	-0.5
1999	597.08	2.7	628.82	1.2	594.57	3.5	526.79	3.1	532.50	2.9	634.16	3.6	566.69	1.6	506.47	1.7	504.77	2.1	463.69	3.7	496.99	0.8
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2005 Jan	694.21	3.0	708.11	4.4	733.59	5.7	628.21	-0.5	604.42	0.6	735.95	2.2	649.70	3.6	585.92	2.1	588.47	1.4	584.13	4.6	595.40	2.2
Feb	692.65	2.5	704.75	2.8	737.76	7.3	640.84	-0.5	611.65	0.6	732.70	1.0	646.80	3.6	577.21	1.5	585.86	0.8	583.56	3.4	595.80	2.7
Mar	695.40	2.6	697.93	2.9	735.86	6.4	634.16	0.0	620.34	1.2	736.43	1.1	653.42	3.8	580.51	1.7	600.81	2.5	578.40	2.9	610.06	3.9
Apr	699.73	3.0	700.18	3.5	748.15	8.4	624.56	-0.4	623.21	0.6	743.31	2.0	653.09	3.0	574.80	0.3	611.46	3.6	571.19	1.4	602.29	-0.7
May	696.38	2.7	699.26	3.7	745.07	6.7	634.80	2.1	619.32	0.7	735.15	1.4	654.68	2.7	582.38	3.4	608.62	2.6	557.49	-0.7	611.91	4.0
Jun	701.29	3.5	701.03	3.4	749.67	8.0	644.72	2.9	631.95	2.2	741.62	2.8	656.55	2.4	593.30	6.0	618.86	4.5	546.87	-3.1	626.38	6.9
Jul	701.93	3.8	698.58	2.6	757.60	7.6	645.54	2.8	625.11	0.7	746.97	4.8	652.77	1.0	585.71	2.9	610.08	3.5	537.14	-1.8	611.98	7.7
Aug	708.11	4.2	703.02	2.2	762.10	7.0	648.59	3.9	632.63	2.4	752.96	5.6	660.50	1.7	594.71	4.1	608.81	2.9	545.95	-1.7	630.55	8.3
Sep	713.27	4.2	709.61	1.6	775.50	9.0	656.00	5.3	640.21	5.0	757.25	4.9	660.73	1.5	609.50	5.5	615.76	3.8	549.42	-2.1	631.30	6.6
Oct	711.08	4.0	706.73	0.3	775.06	7.9	647.84	3.7	627.05	2.2	752.31	5.3	664.85	2.1	600.48	1.7	615.37	4.7	559.37	-2.2	623.34	3.8
Nov	712.84	3.9	717.99	2.5	779.80	8.4	652.90	4.6	632.78	4.8	751.83	4.3	663.45	1.6	602.58	2.6	608.15	3.8	566.33	-1.5	623.68	4.8
Dec	712.28	4.0	706.56	1.4	785.26	8.9	659.25	6.5	633.08	4.9	751.89	4.4	662.56	1.7	605.21	3.7	614.85	5.1	561.78	-1.0	621.55	5.8
2006 Jan	718.57	3.5	720.31	1.7	801.44	9.2	663.21	5.6	631.52	4.5	754.31	2.5	667.81	2.8	601.69	2.7	619.62	5.3	564.16	-3.4	639.77	7.5
Feb	715.74	3.3	716.86	1.7	789.54	7.0	670.31	4.6	628.65	2.8	756.15	3.2	660.80	2.2	596.64	3.4	612.17	4.5	567.78	-2.7	643.47	8.0
Mar	721.41	3.7	718.33	2.9	793.57	7.8	672.72	6.1	632.89	2.0	761.75	3.4	669.07	2.4	610.32	5.1	616.08	2.5	586.32	1.4	645.90	5.9
Apr	724.06	3.5	720.63	2.9	804.96	7.6	665.85	6.6	640.65	2.8	766.42	3.1	666.70	2.1	601.46	4.6	616.67	0.9	586.53	2.7	646.47	7.3
May	725.85	4.2	721.82	3.2	810.09	8.7	668.93	5.4	645.47	4.2	764.57	4.0	674.24	3.0	596.37	2.4	615.57	1.1	582.80	4.5	650.52	6.3
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Jan-May05	695.67		702.05		740.09		632.51		615.79		736.71		651.54		580.16		599.04		574.95		603.09	
Jan-May06	721.13		719.59		799.92		668.20		635.84		760.64		667.72		601.30		616.02		577.52		645.23	
% Change	3.7		2.5		8.1		5.6		3.3		3.2		2.5		3.6		2.8		0.4		7.0	

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1996																						
1997	15.59		16.91		14.79		13.55		13.81		16.33		15.32		12.90		12.87		11.79		13.16	
1998	15.78	1.2	17.17	1.5	15.15	2.4	13.76	1.5	14.04	1.7	16.48	0.9	15.49	1.1	13.12	1.7	13.20	2.6	11.94	1.3	13.05	-0.8
1999	16.17	2.5	17.34	1.0	15.76	4.0	14.21	3.3	14.48	3.1	17.00	3.2	15.72	1.5	13.34	1.7	13.45	1.9	12.28	2.8	13.06	0.1
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2005 Jan	19.02	2.8	19.61	3.0	19.44	5.8	17.06	-0.6	16.60	-0.6	19.97	2.5	18.40	3.3	15.57	1.2	15.99	0.8	15.92	3.4	16.04	2.0
Feb	18.98	2.4	19.52	1.9	19.43	7.2	17.27	-0.4	17.02	1.4	19.83	1.1	18.43	3.7	15.57	1.7	15.93	0.2	16.03	3.4	16.13	3.7
Mar	19.04	2.8	19.24	2.4	19.41	6.2	17.14	-0.4	17.30	2.4	19.99	1.9	18.53	3.7	15.58	2.0	16.19	1.8	15.97	2.7	16.28	2.3
Apr	19.10	3.0	19.32	2.8	19.72	7.8	16.93	-0.5	17.19	1.2	20.11	2.3	18.41	2.9	15.45	0.7	16.34	1.8	15.80	1.8	16.11	0.8
May	18.89	2.4	19.27	3.0	19.53	5.9	17.02	1.6	17.05	1.3	19.78	1.4	18.27	2.1	15.40	2.9	16.12	1.9	15.08	2.4	16.03	3.1
Jun	18.90	2.8	19.19	2.9	19.52	5.8	17.24	2.7	17.17	1.8	19.88	2.6	18.18	1.6	15.53	5.0	16.33	3.8	14.58	-1.2	15.87	3.7
Jul	18.77	3.2	18.87	1.6	19.45	6.5	17.13	2.5	16.96	2.0	19.81	3.7	18.08	1.7	15.26	2.1	16.02	3.4	14.27	-0.6	15.40	5.0
Aug	18.89	3.7	19.13	2.2	19.57	6.0	17.12	3.0	17.10	3.3	19.92	4.6	18.15	1.6	15.42	3.6	16.05	3.7	14.30	-1.4	15.89	7.4
Sep	19.30	3.8	19.52	1.6	20.08	7.0	17.54	3.6	17.40	4.2	20.34	4.6	18.47	1.6	15.91	4.7	16.46	3.7	14.61	-1.7	16.44	7.6
Oct	19.33	3.9	19.48	0.6	20.17	6.4	17.57	3.5	17.28	3.0	20.29	4.9	18.70	2.6	15.80	1.9	16.50	4.6	14.91	-1.5	16.23	4.3
Nov	19.45	3.9	19.69	1.3	20.32	6.7	17.60	4.0	17.39	4.5	20.37	4.6	18.82	2.6	15.95	2.8	16.46	4.0	15.36	-1.3	16.51	5.5
Dec	19.45	3.8	19.54	0.6	20.42	7.4	17.77	5.3	17.59	6.0	20.38	4.4	18.76	2.1	16.15	4.4	16.45	4.4	15.48	-0.5	16.38	4.8
2006 Jan	19.66	3.4	19.86	1.3	20.87	7.4	18.09	6.0	17.49	5.4	20.55	2.9	18.88	2.6	16.18	3.9	16.71	4.5	15.47	-2.8	16.96	5.7
Feb	19.61	3.3	19.81	1.5	20.61	6.1	18.12	4.9	17.34	1.9	20.58	3.8	18.77	1.8	16.24	4.3	16.74	5.1	15.61	-2.6	17.24	6.9
Mar	19.71	3.5	19.71	2.4	20.76	7.0	18.12	5.7	17.49	1.1	20.67	3.4	18.99	2.5	16.35	4.9	16.76	3.5	16.00	0.2	17.15	5.3
Apr	19.69	3.1	19.77	2.3	21.07	6.8	17.86	5.5	17.49	1.7	20.66	2.7	18.83	2.3	16.18	4.7	16.67	2.0	15.95	0.9	16.90	4.9
May	19.60	3.8	19.66	2.0	20.95	7.3	17.92	5.3	17.46	2.4	20.51	3.7	18.89	3.4	15.83	2.8	16.47	2.2	15.18	0.7	16.63	3.7
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Jan-May05	19.01		19.39		19.51		17.08		17.03		19.94		18.41		15.51		16.11		15.76		16.12	
Jan-May06	19.65		19.76		20.85		18.02		17.45		20.59		18.87		16.16		16.67		15.64		16.98	
% Change	3.4		1.9		6.9		5.5		2.5		3.3		2.5		4.1		3.5		-0.7		5.3	

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23 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	13,421.4		1,816.4		1,405.1		456.8		517.4		5,167.1		3,129.8		305.5		376.9		58.9		187.5	
1997	13,706.0	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	1,451.4	3.3	466.2	2.1	525.6	1.6	5,291.4	2.4	3,172.8	1.4	309.1	1.2	382.0	1.4	58.8	-0.2	188.3	0.4
1998	14,046.2	2.5	1,858.4	-0.1	1,509.9	4.0	470.5	0.9	534.2	1.6	5,453.3	3.1	3,257.5	2.7	315.2	2.0	395.3	3.5	59.6	1.4	192.4	2.2
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2005 Jan	15,678.1	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	1,740.5	1.8	473.4	2.2	567.9	0.9	6,217.0	0.5	3,599.5	1.9	332.9	1.0	426.8	2.2	62.8	4.0	199.3	0.6
Feb	15,769.2	1.5	2,069.8	3.7	1,748.6	1.6	476.3	2.5	573.6	1.7	6,259.3	0.7	3,622.4	1.5	333.6	0.9	425.3	1.3	63.3	4.3	197.2	-0.6
Mar	15,779.8	1.4	2,080.6	3.2	1,755.7	1.6	479.6	3.1	569.6	0.4	6,247.3	1.0	3,620.5	0.9	333.6	0.3	427.6	0.7	63.7	4.3	201.5	0.6
Apr	15,886.3	1.2	2,092.4	3.9	1,754.0	1.0	476.3	0.8	570.6	-0.1	6,312.6	1.2	3,645.9	0.1	336.6	1.6	434.3	1.0	63.5	3.9	200.1	-0.3
May	16,277.0	1.4	2,138.3	3.9	1,800.7	1.9	495.0	1.7	587.0	0.5	6,458.2	1.7	3,698.3	-0.6	359.9	2.1	454.3	1.3	70.6	2.5	214.6	-1.6
Jun	16,489.5	1.0	2,159.2	2.1	1,813.8	1.2	498.0	1.1	589.4	0.4	6,505.1	1.2	3,796.3	0.7	364.0	-0.8	457.7	-0.6	73.3	1.9	232.6	0.0
Jul	16,529.0	1.2	2,161.4	2.6	1,814.9	2.0	497.3	1.7	589.0	1.6	6,486.1	0.9	3,837.8	1.2	368.3	-0.4	458.3	-1.2	73.9	1.7	242.0	-1.1
Aug	16,508.5	1.5	2,166.7	3.5	1,811.9	1.3	492.3	0.6	587.0	0.7	6,507.5	1.4	3,814.1	1.6	367.7	-1.0	460.9	0.5	73.9	1.0	226.3	-1.9
Sep	16,264.6	1.3	2,142.7	2.7	1,786.4	0.7	480.2	-0.5	581.8	0.3	6,419.5	1.7	3,761.0	0.9	357.0	-1.6	443.4	-1.4	70.9	0.7	221.6	1.0
Oct	16,331.4	1.6	2,160.9	3.3	1,791.5	1.8	479.9	-1.2	582.9	0.1	6,473.4	1.8	3,759.0	1.1	351.2	-1.4	447.1	-0.1	69.7	0.3	215.9	1.0
Nov	16,295.1	1.7	2,168.0	4.5	1,796.6	1.7	479.1	-1.0	583.4	0.6	6,459.9	1.8	3,734.3	1.1	351.7	0.3	441.0	-0.6	67.2	-0.3	214.0	3.2
Dec	16,228.1	1.6	2,168.6	3.6	1,798.6	1.9	474.5	-1.3	581.9	0.5	6,427.1	1.4	3,718.2	1.7	349.9	0.9	439.8	-0.5	65.9	0.0	203.5	-2.1
2006 Jan	15,949.1	1.7	2,122.5	3.1	1,780.2	2.3	470.8	-0.5	574.1	1.1	6,337.6	1.9	3,639.1	1.1	342.9	3.0	425.0	-0.4	63.0	0.3	193.9	-2.7
Feb	16,041.7	1.7	2,141.7	3.5	1,812.8	3.7	471.9	-0.9	577.6	0.7	6,340.6	1.3	3,667.5	1.2	342.4	2.6	423.7	-0.4	63.6	0.5	199.9	1.4
Mar	16,106.7	2.1	2,164.9	4.1	1,824.4	3.9	474.4	-1.1	574.2	0.8	6,359.6	1.8	3,675.3	1.5	343.4	2.9	428.7	0.3	63.2	-0.8	198.5	-1.5
Apr	16,195.9	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	1,821.5	3.8	480.0	0.8	582.1	2.0	6,419.6	1.7	3,674.4	0.8	345.4	2.6	436.4	0.5	64.8	2.0	202.6	1.2
May	16,676.0	2.5	2,202.6	3.0	1,899.2	5.5	496.1	0.2	596.5	1.6	6,582.9	1.9	3,789.4	2.5	365.0	1.4	451.8	-0.6	72.7	3.0	220.0	2.5
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Average:																						
Jan-May05	15,878.1		2,087.8		1,759.9		480.1		573.7		6,298.9		3,637.3		339.3		433.7		54.8		202.5	
Jan-May06	16,193.9		2,160.2		1,827.6		478.6		580.9		6,408.1		3,689.1		347.8		433.1		65.5		203.0	
% Change	2.0		3.5		3.8		-0.3		1.2		1.7		1.4		2.5		-0.1		1.0		0.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	34.2		33.2		35.8		35.9		34.3		34.4		33.4		35.0		34.0		35.4		33.8	
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.6	35.8	0.0	35.7	-0.6	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.1	0.3	34.2	0.6	35.2	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.1	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2005 Jan	33.7	-0.3	32.8	1.2	35.3	-1.7	32.8	-3.2	33.6	-0.3	34.1	-0.9	32.7	-0.3	34.8	2.4	33.4	3.4	32.9	2.5	33.6	1.8
Feb	33.8	0.6	33.8	1.2	35.5	3.2	32.9	2.5	33.2	-1.2	34.2	-0.6	32.7	-0.9	34.1	1.8	33.3	24.7	32.5	20.8	34.0	3.0
Mar	33.1	0.6	33.8	7.3	35.8	-0.3	34.4	0.3	33.6	-1.8	32.0	-0.9	33.0	0.0	33.8	-1.7	31.5	3.3	32.1	7.0	33.0	-1.2
Apr	34.6	8.1	34.0	9.0	35.9	8.1	35.8	10.8	34.6	4.2	35.0	5.7	33.7	12.3	33.6	3.1	34.1	8.6	33.5	7.4	33.7	18.2
May	34.7	-0.6	33.8	1.2	36.0	-0.3	37.1	0.3	35.1	2.0	35.0	-1.4	33.5	-1.2	35.0	-0.6	34.9	-1.4	36.1	-4.5	35.5	1.1
Jun	35.0	0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.4	0.8	36.3	0.0	34.9	-1.1	35.3	0.0	34.0	0.6	35.8	1.1	35.1	0.6	36.4	-2.4	37.3	2.5
Jul	32.1	0.3	31.8	-0.9	34.6	1.2	33.4	2.8	32.2	-0.3	32.3	0.6	30.2	-0.3	33.6	3.1	32.5	1.2	34.3	1.8	34.5	-0.6
Aug	32.0	0.0	30.9	-0.3	34.2	0.9	33.4	1.8	32.4	2.2	32.5	0.3	30.3	-1.3	33.4	2.1	31.7	0.6	34.1	3.0	32.2	0.9
Sep	34.8	-0.3	33.5	-1.8	36.8	0.5	36.5	2.5	35.5	2.3	35.0	-0.8	33.6	-0.9	36.7	2.2	34.3	-1.4	35.9	0.0	35.8	1.7
Oct	30.8	0.3	29.4	-2.6	34.0	3.0	33.3	2.5	30.7	-1.6	30.8	0.7	29.5	0.0	32.2	0.3	30.7	0.0	31.9	1.9	32.5	0.6
Nov	32.9	0.3	30.4	-0.7	34.2	3.3	32.1	3.2	30.6	0.3	33.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	31.7	-0.6	30.8	1.7	30.7	-1.0	32.2	1.6
Dec	34.6	0.0	33.7	0.0	36.9	0.8	34.8	0.3	34.2	-1.2	34.9	-0.3	33.5	-0.3	35.1	-0.3	34.5	-0.3	34.0	0.9	35.0	0.3
2006 Jan	34.3	1.8	33.8	3.0	36.7	4.0	34.3	4.6	33.5	-0.3	34.5	1.2	33.1	1.2	34.5	-0.9	33.6	0.6	33.1	0.6	33.9	0.9
Feb	33.7	-0.3	33.2	-1.8	35.8	0.8	31.9	-3.0	33.3	0.3	34.2	0.0	32.6	-0.3	34.0	-0.3	33.0	-0.9	33.1	1.8	34.2	0.6
Mar	33.0	-0.3	31.4	-7.1	36.4	1.7	34.8	1.2	34.5	2.7	32.2	0.6	33.1	0.3	34.5	2.1	30.3	-3.8	33.5	4.4	34.5	4.5
Apr	30.5	-11.8	29.9	-12.1	32.4	-9.7	31.4	-12.3	30.6	-11.6	30.3	-13.4	30.2	-10.4	31.1	-7.4	30.1	-11.7	29.4	-12.2	30.8	-8.6
May	34.7	0.0	33.8	0.0	36.2	0.6	37.8	1.9	35.5	1.1	35.0	0.0	33.3	-0.6	36.0	2.9	34.8	-0.3	38.3	6.1	36.8	3.7
Jun																						
Jul																						
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Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-May05	34.0		33.6		35.7		34.6		34.0		34.1		33.1		34.3		33.4		33.4		34.0	
Jan-May06	33.2		32.4		35.5		34.0		33.5		33.2		32.5		34.0		32.4		33.5		34.0	
% Change	-2.2		-3.6		-0.6		-1.6		-1.6		-2.4		-2.0		-0.7		-3.2		0.2		0.2	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996									377.6		1,194.9		36.3		32.3	
1997	731.93		579.76		18.51		16.47		417.3	10.5	1,443.2	20.8	36.3	0.0	32.0	-0.9
1998	754.02	3.0	584.04	0.7	18.99	2.6	16.66	1.2	408.5	-2.1	1,449.9	0.5	36.0	-0.8	31.5	-1.6
1999	763.14	1.2	594.48	1.8	19.20	1.1	16.86	1.2	393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2005 Jan	814.25	0.9	681.60	5.2	20.64	0.6	19.35	3.5	438.7	7.7	1,619.3	1.1	35.5	0.9	32.1	1.3
Feb	802.07	0.6	680.21	3.4	20.22	0.4	19.34	2.3	441.7	9.0	1,628.1	2.3	37.8	1.1	32.8	1.5
Mar	802.27	3.5	671.79	2.7	20.10	2.6	19.03	2.4	434.5	6.1	1,646.1	2.5	38.1	5.8	32.7	7.6
Apr	817.72	5.0	671.06	3.2	20.37	3.3	19.06	2.7	443.3	6.1	1,649.1	3.4	38.7	9.9	32.8	9.0
May	816.80	6.2	669.99	3.2	20.40	5.0	18.99	2.5	451.2	4.1	1,687.1	3.8	38.1	1.9	32.7	0.9
Jun	810.45	4.2	672.70	3.2	20.16	4.8	18.94	2.4	465.1	1.8	1,694.1	2.2	38.1	-1.3	32.6	0.0
Jul	796.14	1.0	671.86	3.2	19.65	0.4	18.66	2.0	486.2	3.9	1,675.2	2.2	36.8	0.0	30.3	-1.3
Aug	786.99	0.2	680.54	3.0	19.68	1.0	18.98	2.5	475.2	1.5	1,691.5	4.1	35.9	-0.6	29.5	-0.3
Sep	804.71	-1.2	686.37	2.8	20.06	-1.3	19.39	2.5	449.1	0.3	1,693.6	3.4	38.3	-0.3	32.3	-2.1
Oct	802.39	-1.3	682.91	1.1	20.07	-1.7	19.33	1.4	451.8	-0.8	1,709.1	4.5	33.2	-0.6	28.4	-3.1
Nov	829.00	1.4	690.78	3.1	20.68	0.9	19.44	1.5	452.1	3.3	1,715.9	4.8	33.6	-1.5	29.6	0.0
Dec	809.90	0.9	682.06	1.7	20.43	-0.4	19.33	0.8	443.8	2.0	1,724.9	4.0	37.1	-0.5	32.8	0.0
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	693.64	1.8	20.96	1.6	19.60	1.3	421.5	-3.9	1,701.1	5.1	37.1	4.5	33.0	2.8
Feb	828.76	3.3	690.29	1.5	20.93	3.5	19.55	1.1	442.5	0.2	1,699.2	4.4	36.5	-3.4	32.4	-1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	691.25	2.9	20.94	4.2	19.41	2.0	454.3	4.6	1,710.6	3.9	36.6	-3.9	30.0	-8.3
Apr	820.50	0.3	696.46	3.8	20.69	1.6	19.55	2.6	449.6	1.4	1,719.5	4.3	32.6	-15.8	29.2	-11.0
May	839.29	2.8	692.71	3.4	20.74	1.7	19.39	2.1	460.5	2.1	1,742.0	3.3	37.2	-2.4	33.0	0.9
Jun																
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Average:																
Jan-May05	810.62		674.93		20.35		19.15		441.9		1,645.9		37.6		32.6	
Jan-May06	830.35		692.87		20.85		19.50		445.7		1,714.5		36.0		31.5	
% Change	2.4		2.7		2.5		1.8		0.9		4.2		-4.4		-3.4	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996												
1997	731.93		419.45		894.10		891.22		734.88		683.80	
1998	754.02	3.0	448.71	7.0	899.86	0.6	965.38	8.3	748.01	1.8	728.54	6.5
1999	763.14	1.2	518.47	15.5	943.23	4.8	919.16	-4.8	756.61	1.1	706.60	-3.0
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2005 Jan	814.25	0.9	609.90	31.6	1010.20	4.0	935.26	-11.3	800.54	0.1	807.38	1.3
Feb	802.07	0.8	518.67	0.7	977.23	0.7	925.86	-17.5	794.70	0.9	804.70	1.7
Mar	802.27	3.5	549.37	11.2	1025.39	-0.3	962.49	-11.3	776.50	3.5	820.90	3.5
Apr	817.72	5.0	491.26	-1.6	1038.44	5.2	1107.72	15.3	796.33	2.4	829.54	4.8
May	816.80	6.2	455.50	-8.2	1046.63	6.1	1189.24	17.2	802.36	3.5	790.51	6.1
Jun	810.45	4.2	482.83	-7.2	1004.93	2.4	1073.73	12.6	820.27	5.9	764.82	-1.1
Jul	796.14	1.0	520.80	3.2	1029.46	1.8	1095.99	15.1	798.77	-0.2	758.23	0.5
Aug	786.99	0.2	507.95	-1.3	956.76	-6.7	1131.70	10.7	805.60	3.5	744.46	-3.8
Sep	804.71	-1.2	477.14	1.1	1055.95	-1.8	1107.27	0.5	803.93	-0.5	762.24	-5.5
Oct	802.39	-1.3	481.68	6.4	1118.11	-0.3	1073.63	17.7	800.07	-2.0	743.37	-6.2
Nov	829.00	1.4	515.67	10.7	1168.61	14.8	1026.99	22.8	822.51	-0.2	783.19	-3.7
Dec	809.90	0.9	488.40	-4.2	1177.80	13.7	896.76	-2.7	818.74	2.0	756.33	-2.9
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	507.45	-16.8	1083.22	7.2	1020.34	9.1	843.14	5.3	791.43	-2.0
Feb	828.76	3.3	502.71	-3.1	1082.06	10.7	933.63	0.8	827.25	4.1	814.44	1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	531.36	-3.3	1087.20	6.0	1264.05	31.3	819.07	5.5	805.71	-1.9
Apr	820.50	0.3	425.55	-13.4	1078.74	3.9	1129.50	2.0	820.83	3.1	819.48	-1.2
May	839.29	2.8	461.01	1.2	1077.79	3.0	1148.99	-3.4	826.91	3.1	847.23	7.2
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May05	810.62		524.94		1019.58		1024.11		794.09		810.61	
Jan-May06	830.35		485.62		1081.80		1099.30		827.44		815.66	
% Change	2.4		-7.5		6.1		7.3		4.2		0.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg		
1996																				
1997	579.76		700.83		489.26		590.49		733.47		738.41		604.89		315.46		787.32		612.63	
1998	584.04	0.7	720.07	2.7	481.79	-1.5	631.81	7.0	750.34	2.3	725.43	-1.8	614.73	1.6	328.88	4.3	767.01	-2.6	621.21	1.4
1999	594.48	1.8	733.87	1.9	503.61	4.5	627.82	-0.6	776.25	3.5	738.95	1.9	624.62	1.6	318.75	-3.1	791.92	3.2	628.82	1.2
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2005 Jan	681.60	5.2	852.21	15.1	517.83	4.1	746.37	2.8	891.40	1.8	844.27	12.9	750.98	2.2	386.59	46.1	966.37	2.9	708.11	4.4
Feb	680.21	3.4	812.39	8.2	520.37	-1.2	726.95	-2.6	916.04	10.2	824.99	1.5	747.17	-2.1	390.16	47.7	961.56	5.0	704.75	2.8
Mar	671.79	2.7	817.79	12.5	512.43	-2.6	739.28	-4.6	924.74	9.8	825.58	4.4	720.04	-3.9	367.26	38.2	964.13	8.6	697.93	2.9
Apr	671.06	3.2	807.20	9.2	530.21	1.7	706.98	-4.7	962.01	17.2	832.61	6.5	722.32	-3.6	366.83	40.5	940.15	4.7	700.18	3.5
May	669.99	3.2	820.52	11.9	512.41	1.3	708.38	-5.3	945.56	10.9	850.19	6.2	713.16	-4.7	374.31	36.3	903.96	1.8	699.26	3.7
Jun	672.70	3.2	861.27	12.6	512.76	-3.2	733.42	1.7	899.39	13.4	861.00	4.0	718.84	-0.1	385.24	41.1	929.94	4.3	701.03	3.4
Jul	671.86	3.2	857.03	7.8	516.48	-2.3	714.52	0.1	920.22	14.4	829.92	-6.7	721.87	2.3	396.56	50.3	909.15	2.7	698.58	2.6
Aug	680.54	3.0	833.37	1.5	523.72	0.0	707.78	1.5	941.05	13.9	911.82	-2.1	721.27	1.4	403.44	48.9	943.48	5.1	703.02	2.2
Sep	686.37	2.8	850.18	1.0	544.43	3.6	732.03	6.4	944.09	9.5	841.11	-2.0	729.18	5.0	400.61	47.9	974.86	6.3	709.61	1.6
Oct	682.91	1.1	860.07	-1.6	521.82	-2.5	763.42	11.6	942.04	7.1	870.77	4.1	724.24	-2.1	403.72	52.3	978.94	3.8	706.73	0.3
Nov	690.78	3.1	828.84	-2.0	524.61	-0.6	768.26	10.5	951.24	14.1	882.06	7.0	739.21	0.0	384.09	47.1	979.43	5.3	717.99	2.5
Dec	682.06	1.7	856.03	3.1	526.49	1.9	756.06	4.5	927.60	7.3	861.36	2.0	718.29	-4.0	369.59	41.3	987.13	3.6	706.56	1.4
2006 Jan	693.64	1.8	866.24	1.6	553.17	6.8	788.44	5.6	903.99	1.4	837.86	-0.8	735.18	-2.1	370.93	-4.1	961.52	-0.5	720.31	1.7
Feb	690.29	1.5	850.67	4.7	565.29	8.6	749.20	3.1	924.97	1.0	851.84	3.3	728.34	-2.5	352.16	-9.7	982.29	2.2	716.86	1.7
Mar	691.25	2.9	846.80	3.5	560.31	9.3	758.48	2.6	906.07	-2.0	840.81	1.8	747.09	3.8	362.28	-1.4	932.04	-3.3	718.33	2.9
Apr	696.46	3.8	870.13	7.8	537.55	1.4	765.97	8.3	985.51	2.4	877.54	5.4	744.63	3.1	359.89	-1.9	953.68	1.4	720.63	2.9
May	692.71	3.4	858.97	4.7	551.32	7.6	752.71	6.3	948.81	0.3	844.15	-0.7	745.46	4.5	357.82	-4.4	986.84	9.2	721.82	3.2
Jun																				
Jul																				
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May05	674.93		822.02		518.65		725.59		927.95		835.53		730.73		377.03		947.23		702.05	
Jan-May06	692.87		858.56		553.53		762.96		933.87		850.44		740.14		360.62		963.27		719.59	
% Change	2.7		4.4		6.7		5.2		0.6		1.8		1.3		-4.4		1.7		2.5	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996												
1997	18.51		11.50		21.43		23.55		18.50		17.80	
1998	18.99	2.6	12.04	4.7	21.23	-0.9	25.21	7.0	18.94	2.4	18.62	4.6
1999	19.20	1.1	13.72	14.0	21.93	3.3	24.16	-4.2	19.14	1.1	18.23	-2.1
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2005 Jan	20.64	0.6	15.28	6.1	23.97	0.2	25.02	-9.6	20.20	0.0	21.06	3.6
Feb	20.22	0.4	13.05	-0.5	23.24	1.6	24.49	-18.8	20.21	1.1	20.31	1.4
Mar	20.10	2.6	13.12	-0.8	24.35	4.6	25.48	-10.4	19.79	2.4	20.33	3.3
Apr	20.37	3.3	12.26	-3.8	24.42	0.0	28.77	14.8	20.15	1.8	20.44	3.5
May	20.40	5.0	11.53	-5.6	24.13	-0.9	30.91	17.1	20.36	4.0	19.71	3.9
Jun	20.16	4.8	12.01	-2.2	23.13	-0.7	27.78	15.5	20.61	6.2	19.21	0.7
Jul	19.65	0.4	12.93	9.6	23.30	-2.3	28.26	16.3	19.98	0.3	18.73	-2.4
Aug	19.68	1.0	12.00	-0.8	22.82	-1.8	29.45	18.2	20.23	2.9	18.84	-3.1
Sep	20.06	-1.3	12.36	-1.0	24.39	-0.1	28.47	9.2	20.23	-1.7	19.05	-4.8
Oct	20.07	-1.7	12.24	0.2	25.04	-3.0	28.16	18.1	20.33	-1.4	18.77	-6.6
Nov	20.68	0.9	13.09	1.8	25.68	7.4	26.65	16.7	20.85	1.1	19.70	-4.1
Dec	20.43	-0.4	13.40	-1.6	26.72	8.4	24.12	-4.7	20.84	1.7	19.22	-5.3
2006 Jan	20.96	1.6	13.38	-12.4	24.48	2.1	27.40	9.5	21.43	6.1	19.94	-5.3
Feb	20.93	3.5	14.22	9.0	25.13	8.1	25.33	3.4	21.14	4.6	20.27	-0.2
Mar	20.94	4.2	14.79	12.7	25.43	4.4	30.95	21.5	20.89	5.6	20.36	0.1
Apr	20.69	1.6	12.48	1.8	25.00	2.4	28.90	0.5	20.87	3.6	20.51	0.3
May	20.74	1.7	12.31	6.8	24.21	0.3	29.89	-3.3	20.89	2.6	20.55	4.3
Jun												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May05	20.35		13.05		24.02		26.93		20.14		20.37	
Jan-May06	20.85		13.44		24.85		28.49		21.04		20.33	
% Change	2.5		3.0		3.4		5.8		4.5		-0.2	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996	16.47		18.21		13.56		16.15		19.12		22.51		18.51		10.11		21.20		16.91	
1997	16.66	1.2	18.67	2.5	13.58	0.1	17.27	6.9	19.63	2.7	22.20	-1.4	18.78	1.5	10.42	3.1	20.94	-1.2	17.17	1.5
1998	16.86	1.2	19.03	1.9	14.09	3.8	17.15	-0.7	20.47	4.3	22.02	-0.8	18.98	1.1	10.29	-1.2	21.56	3.0	17.34	1.0
1999	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2000	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2001	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2002	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2003	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2004	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2005 Jan	19.35	3.5	21.43	11.3	15.09	3.4	20.88	5.8	23.43	2.3	25.17	8.0	22.37	-0.3	11.80	1.4	26.20	3.1	19.61	3.0
Feb	19.34	2.3	20.47	5.2	14.99	-3.1	19.98	-2.1	24.07	10.7	25.06	1.5	22.45	-1.0	11.93	4.0	26.26	6.2	19.52	1.9
Mar	19.03	2.4	20.59	10.2	14.91	-0.9	20.06	-3.7	24.32	10.6	24.28	0.5	21.83	-1.8	11.77	2.3	26.04	7.9	19.24	2.4
Apr	19.06	2.7	21.01	9.5	15.13	0.4	19.38	-5.8	24.69	12.8	24.99	4.4	21.54	-2.2	11.74	2.2	25.73	5.1	19.32	2.8
May	18.99	2.5	21.08	9.1	14.73	1.4	19.04	-4.5	24.62	7.6	25.68	4.7	21.29	-4.0	11.82	2.4	25.06	3.3	19.27	3.0
Jun	18.94	2.4	21.43	8.3	14.72	-1.8	19.56	-1.2	23.67	11.7	25.45	1.6	21.59	0.8	11.84	0.9	25.23	3.0	19.19	2.9
Jul	18.66	2.0	21.46	9.2	14.61	-1.7	19.05	-1.6	23.55	11.2	24.52	-2.9	21.31	-0.4	11.90	2.5	24.68	2.3	18.87	1.6
Aug	18.98	2.5	21.09	6.4	14.83	1.0	19.00	-1.2	24.49	11.6	26.32	-0.5	21.91	1.3	12.02	3.4	25.53	4.7	19.13	2.2
Sep	19.39	2.5	21.35	2.9	15.30	3.4	20.02	4.8	24.68	11.3	25.29	-1.7	22.03	2.3	12.42	5.9	26.59	5.3	19.52	1.6
Oct	19.33	1.4	21.40	0.8	15.04	-1.1	20.94	9.2	24.92	11.2	25.34	-1.9	21.90	-0.5	12.46	7.2	26.39	3.3	19.48	0.6
Nov	19.44	1.5	20.94	-0.3	15.03	-0.3	20.66	6.4	24.86	12.9	25.40	-2.8	22.14	-1.2	12.44	7.1	26.49	4.7	19.69	1.3
Dec	19.33	0.8	21.51	0.2	15.22	1.5	20.50	2.1	24.35	7.2	25.10	-2.4	21.95	-3.1	11.92	5.7	26.58	3.5	19.54	0.6
2006 Jan	19.60	1.3	21.79	1.7	15.75	4.4	20.97	0.4	23.62	0.8	24.44	-2.9	22.47	0.4	12.06	2.2	25.79	-1.6	19.86	1.3
Feb	19.55	1.1	21.24	3.8	16.07	7.2	20.14	0.8	24.21	0.6	25.93	3.1	21.85	-2.7	11.67	-2.2	26.29	0.1	19.81	1.5
Mar	19.41	2.0	21.26	3.3	15.77	5.8	20.36	1.5	23.77	-2.3	24.84	2.3	22.22	1.8	11.71	-0.5	25.32	-2.8	19.71	2.4
Apr	19.55	2.6	21.74	3.5	15.33	1.3	20.49	5.7	25.72	4.2	25.86	3.5	22.11	2.6	11.48	-2.2	25.70	-0.1	19.77	2.3
May	19.39	2.1	21.53	2.1	15.35	4.2	20.53	7.8	24.79	0.7	25.14	-2.1	22.02	3.4	11.27	-4.7	26.42	5.4	19.66	2.0
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Average:																				
Jan-May05	19.15		20.92		14.97		19.87		24.23		25.04		21.90		11.81		25.86		19.39	
Jan-May06	19.50		21.51		15.65		20.50		24.42		25.22		22.13		11.64		25.90		19.76	
% Change	1.8		2.8		4.6		3.2		0.8		0.7		1.1		-1.5		0.2		1.9	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	408.2		30.7		32.3		5.2		17.6		192.8		23.8		42.9		22.9		119.3	
1997	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	32.2	-0.3	5.4	3.8	16.3	-7.4	196.2	1.8	25.1	5.5	44.6	4.0	23.1	0.9	123.1	3.2
1998	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	30.2	-6.2	3.4	-37.0	17.7	8.6	195.9	-0.2	25.6	2.0	43.4	-2.7	22.7	-1.7	117.2	-4.8
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2005 Jan	438.7	7.7	34.4	10.3	19.2	3.2	n.a.	n.a.	13.8	27.8	203.8	-2.3	38.6	-8.3	39.2	-18.2	12.5	19.0	158.6	28.3
Feb	441.7	9.0	35.2	8.6	22.5	4.2	1.6	-51.5	12.7	13.4	201.6	-3.4	39.7	23.3	42.9	-10.8	12.4	13.8	158.6	32.7
Mar	434.5	6.1	37.5	9.3	19.5	-8.0	n.a.	n.a.	14.3	55.4	195.4	-5.0	37.7	25.2	43.7	-20.1	12.9	37.2	157.1	24.4
Apr	443.3	6.1	40.7	8.2	21.8	16.6	n.a.	n.a.	12.0	39.5	193.1	-7.6	33.7	13.9	41.2	-17.4	13.8	32.7	163.9	25.1
May	451.2	4.1	39.0	-6.0	25.3	29.7	3.1	-13.9	12.4	19.2	196.0	-7.5	35.4	21.2	42.4	-11.1	13.8	-4.2	162.5	19.6
Jun	465.1	1.8	42.8	-0.9	25.4	1.2	4.9	63.3	12.8	20.8	194.3	-8.6	30.1	-2.3	46.0	-0.9	11.0	-24.7	171.5	12.8
Jul	486.2	3.9	49.6	14.8	23.7	-14.1	2.0	-20.0	14.4	42.6	205.9	-6.5	35.6	42.4	50.1	-0.4	12.5	-8.1	177.5	14.4
Aug	475.2	1.5	45.3	5.6	23.8	3.9	1.7	-55.3	14.6	36.4	199.7	-9.4	30.5	3.4	49.5	9.3	12.7	6.7	178.8	13.5
Sep	449.1	0.3	37.9	7.1	21.6	-1.8	1.7	-34.6	13.7	23.4	197.7	-7.8	25.2	-7.7	47.0	4.4	9.6	-16.5	166.2	8.2
Oct	451.8	-0.8	37.3	-0.8	22.1	3.3	3.2	33.3	14.3	10.9	194.1	-7.8	25.4	-23.0	51.7	22.2	9.9	-22.0	171.1	5.4
Nov	452.1	3.3	30.5	-1.6	16.7	-16.1	1.6	0.0	15.6	18.2	206.7	-0.8	22.6	-36.3	48.1	15.1	13.2	20.0	172.9	10.5
Dec	443.8	2.0	34.6	4.5	17.8	-9.6	2.5	n.a.	15.0	1.4	189.5	-7.1	23.4	-29.7	47.6	10.2	13.0	0.0	177.1	14.6
2006 Jan	421.5	-3.9	29.1	-15.4	16.1	-16.1	3.5	n.a.	17.3	25.4	184.9	-9.3	20.8	-46.1	45.6	16.3	12.2	-2.4	161.9	2.1
Feb	442.5	0.2	31.4	-10.8	18.8	-16.4	3.5	118.8	15.4	21.3	200.0	-0.8	27.4	-31.0	46.0	7.2	12.8	3.2	165.5	4.4
Mar	454.3	4.6	34.7	-7.5	20.3	4.1	2.6	n.a.	14.9	4.2	203.8	4.3	24.2	-35.8	50.4	15.3	12.2	-5.4	170.8	8.7
Apr	449.6	1.4	36.0	-11.5	15.8	-27.5	2.5	n.a.	16.2	35.0	198.4	2.7	27.2	-19.3	47.7	15.8	14.4	4.3	174.1	6.2
May	460.5	2.1	36.8	-5.6	19.6	-22.5	2.8	-9.7	18.2	46.8	203.7	3.9	26.4	-25.4	48.6	14.6	18.4	33.3	171.4	5.5
Jun																				
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Average:																				
Jan-May05	441.9		37.4		21.7		n.a.		13.0		198.0		37.0		41.9		13.1		160.1	
Jan-May06	445.7		33.6		18.1		3.0		16.4		198.2		25.2		47.7		14.0		168.7	
% Change	0.9		-10.1		-16.3		n.a.		25.8		0.1		-31.9		13.8		7.0		5.4	

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	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		786.6		118.4		183.3		140.8		106.1		1,816.4	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	809.1	2.9	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	100.7	-5.1	1,860.5	2.4
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	838.5	3.6	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	93.8	-6.9	1,858.4	-0.1
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2005 Jan	1,619.3	1.1	112.2	-5.1	319.5	-3.6	128.3	1.4	968.6	4.0	145.0	0.6	220.4	2.8	168.9	7.8	90.7	-3.7	2,058.0	2.5
Feb	1,628.1	2.3	109.9	-3.9	315.6	0.9	130.9	5.6	980.2	3.8	153.8	4.9	218.9	4.8	163.0	-2.6	91.5	-5.1	2,069.8	3.7
Mar	1,646.1	2.5	112.2	0.1	326.2	1.7	137.3	6.8	977.3	3.4	148.9	8.4	216.4	-0.9	164.8	-3.3	93.2	-6.2	2,080.6	3.2
Apr	1,649.1	3.4	108.2	-6.0	317.2	2.8	131.7	0.5	1,000.6	5.8	154.0	14.0	213.7	-1.0	179.1	2.3	91.5	-3.9	2,092.4	3.9
May	1,687.1	3.8	118.8	2.3	326.2	4.6	134.9	3.8	1,003.2	3.6	153.0	10.4	208.3	-3.6	179.3	3.6	104.0	5.8	2,138.3	3.9
Jun	1,694.1	2.2	118.2	-4.2	318.0	1.9	139.8	9.6	1,019.2	2.5	154.7	11.6	209.7	-6.6	178.9	-2.7	99.1	0.1	2,159.2	2.1
Jul	1,675.2	2.2	129.6	3.6	323.0	1.2	135.6	8.2	990.3	2.0	129.8	15.4	211.9	-3.8	189.8	1.4	96.7	-1.8	2,161.4	2.6
Aug	1,691.5	4.1	126.3	7.1	336.1	8.9	137.0	2.8	990.7	2.8	125.2	18.6	220.2	0.6	182.7	-1.9	101.3	-0.7	2,166.7	3.5
Sep	1,693.6	3.4	128.9	9.5	342.6	9.4	127.4	-1.1	998.6	1.9	148.0	5.1	220.7	-2.9	176.7	0.4	96.1	-2.0	2,142.7	2.7
Oct	1,709.1	4.5	122.7	5.3	362.7	16.4	129.2	-2.0	1,001.4	2.2	140.9	0.3	225.1	2.7	175.0	1.4	93.1	-3.4	2,160.9	3.3
Nov	1,715.9	4.8	121.2	8.6	362.8	15.4	131.9	0.9	1,009.5	2.4	146.4	0.3	225.7	1.9	172.5	-1.8	90.5	-3.8	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	1,724.9	4.0	115.8	5.2	365.5	12.8	131.1	-1.7	1,018.5	2.2	153.2	5.7	218.2	-3.4	178.6	-0.8	93.9	-0.8	2,168.6	3.6
2006 Jan	1,701.1	5.1	122.0	8.7	350.5	9.7	128.0	-0.2	1,006.0	3.9	159.6	10.1	210.6	-4.4	171.1	1.3	94.6	4.3	2,122.5	3.1
Feb	1,699.2	4.4	125.4	14.1	355.6	12.7	129.4	-1.1	998.1	1.8	161.5	5.0	213.2	-2.6	168.8	3.6	90.6	-1.0	2,141.7	3.5
Mar	1,710.6	3.9	123.1	9.7	358.6	9.9	132.7	-3.4	1,003.5	2.7	158.9	6.7	224.3	3.7	159.2	-3.4	92.8	-0.4	2,164.9	4.1
Apr	1,719.5	4.3	119.9	10.8	360.5	13.7	129.5	-1.7	1,018.2	1.8	158.0	2.6	224.1	4.9	166.4	-7.1	91.4	-0.1	2,169.1	3.7
May	1,742.0	3.3	122.2	2.9	362.7	11.2	132.3	-1.9	1,031.6	2.8	155.9	1.9	237.3	13.9	168.4	-6.1	93.0	-10.6	2,202.6	3.0
Jun																				
Jul																				
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May05	1,645.9		112.3		320.9		132.6		986.0		150.9		215.5		171.0		94.2		2,087.8	
Jan-May06	1,714.5		122.5		357.6		130.4		1,011.5		158.8		221.9		166.8		92.5		2,160.2	
% Change	4.2		9.1		11.4		-1.7		2.6		5.2		3.0		-2.5		-1.8		3.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	36.3		38.9		37.7		32.8		36.5		35.1	
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-5.4	38.4	1.9	36.0	9.8	36.2	-0.8	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.3	4.1	38.8	1.0	34.2	-5.0	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2005 Jan												
Feb	35.5	0.9	32.0	5.6	38.4	-4.2	39.7	15.1	37.6	4.4	32.7	-3.8
Mar	37.8	1.1	33.3	-5.7	41.4	0.2	39.5	10.0	38.0	2.4	37.5	0.0
Apr	38.1	5.8	37.1	12.4	39.9	7.8	36.1	23.2	37.6	5.0	38.5	2.9
May	38.7	9.9	38.3	8.5	36.6	15.5	38.1	40.1	38.8	7.8	39.0	10.8
Jun	38.1	1.9	39.5	0.0	42.8	11.7	38.7	7.2	36.7	0.0	38.1	1.6
Jul	38.1	-1.3	40.4	-0.7	41.7	1.0	34.1	11.4	38.4	2.7	36.6	-7.3
Aug	36.8	0.0	40.2	12.0	43.5	7.1	35.0	8.7	35.4	-1.4	36.2	-3.7
Sep	35.9	-0.6	39.2	-0.8	41.1	-1.2	32.4	2.9	35.0	0.3	35.2	-1.9
Oct	38.3	-0.3	37.3	1.1	43.6	4.3	32.4	-15.2	37.6	-1.3	38.5	0.5
Nov	33.2	-0.6	35.3	-13.3	36.0	-3.7	34.3	37.8	32.0	-1.8	33.3	3.1
Dec	33.6	-1.5	33.3	-8.5	39.5	-0.5	31.9	10.0	32.5	-2.7	33.9	1.2
2006 Jan												
Feb	37.1	-0.5	35.9	0.3	42.2	8.5	35.8	7.8	38.2	0.0	35.3	-2.2
Mar	37.1	4.5	31.6	-1.3	42.0	9.4	34.2	-13.9	37.6	0.0	36.6	11.9
Apr	36.5	-3.4	30.3	-9.0	37.8	-8.7	35.9	-9.1	36.9	-2.9	36.8	-1.9
May	36.6	-3.9	29.1	-21.6	39.4	-1.3	43.9	21.6	37.0	-1.6	36.6	-4.9
Jun	32.6	-15.8	32.4	-15.4	38.6	5.5	34.3	-10.0	32.5	-16.2	31.5	-19.2
Jul	37.2	-2.4	36.3	-8.1	39.0	-8.9	36.8	-4.9	36.7	0.0	37.4	-1.8
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May05	37.6		36.0		39.8		38.4		37.7		37.2	
Jan-May06	36.0		31.9		39.4		37.0		36.1		35.8	
% Change	-4.4		-11.4		-1.2		-3.6		-4.2		-3.7	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg		
1996	32.3		35.5		33.1		33.4		36.4		29.8		29.3		29.5		33.2		33.2	
1997	32.0	-0.9	36.2	2.0	33.2	0.3	33.8	1.2	35.3	-3.0	29.3	-1.7	29.3	0.0	29.4	-0.3	33.1	-0.3	33.0	-0.6
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.6	-0.6	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.8	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.8	-0.9	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2005 Jan	32.1	1.3	36.2	2.3	30.4	-1.9	33.6	2.4	35.4	-2.7	31.8	-2.5	32.4	7.3	30.0	6.8	34.2	2.1	32.8	1.2
Feb	32.8	1.5	37.8	5.3	31.1	0.0	33.9	0.9	37.0	-4.9	31.8	-0.9	30.2	-0.3	30.9	9.2	34.6	-2.0	33.8	1.2
Mar	32.7	7.6	37.4	1.9	31.4	0.0	33.9	4.0	37.6	2.2	31.6	116.4	31.0	7.6	28.3	0.0	34.0	2.7	33.8	7.3
Apr	32.8	9.0	36.3	2.0	32.5	6.9	34.3	11.7	37.4	12.7	33.1	20.4	30.3	9.4	28.5	2.5	35.4	24.6	34.0	9.0
May	32.7	0.9	37.4	-0.5	31.8	1.3	35.1	2.3	35.3	-4.6	32.4	6.9	31.9	2.2	29.0	0.7	32.6	-5.5	33.8	1.2
Jun	32.6	0.0	38.8	-1.8	31.9	-2.1	33.9	2.7	35.9	0.3	33.1	9.2	30.5	2.0	30.2	0.3	32.7	-2.1	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.3	-1.3	37.4	-1.3	30.5	-3.8	32.1	-3.0	33.4	-3.2	15.6	2.6	29.4	5.8	30.9	2.0	32.0	1.3	31.8	-0.9
Aug	29.5	-0.3	34.9	-3.9	30.2	-2.9	31.8	3.9	32.2	-2.4	13.8	-13.8	27.4	1.9	30.5	4.8	29.1	-7.6	30.9	-0.3
Sep	32.3	-2.1	35.9	-5.0	31.7	-2.5	32.9	-1.5	35.3	-8.1	33.3	2.1	30.3	2.0	30.4	-0.3	32.0	-2.1	33.5	-1.8
Oct	28.4	-3.1	34.3	2.1	29.3	1.7	29.1	-2.7	32.3	4.5	17.6	-35.5	27.0	-0.7	28.3	-2.7	30.0	6.4	29.4	-2.6
Nov	29.6	0.0	33.6	-2.3	29.5	1.4	30.7	3.0	32.1	-0.3	28.0	9.8	28.3	0.7	27.2	-11.4	30.1	4.5	30.4	-0.7
Dec	32.8	0.0	38.1	4.4	32.7	3.5	33.6	3.4	36.8	-1.6	33.6	4.7	30.7	-1.6	28.8	-4.6	33.8	-6.9	33.7	0.0
2006 Jan	33.0	2.8	37.7	4.1	32.7	7.6	34.9	3.9	37.8	6.8	33.5	5.3	30.4	-6.2	28.4	-5.3	35.3	3.2	33.8	3.0
Feb	32.4	-1.2	37.6	-0.5	31.2	0.3	33.4	-1.5	36.9	-0.3	31.8	0.0	31.5	4.3	27.2	-12.0	35.1	1.4	33.2	-1.8
Mar	30.0	-8.3	36.0	-3.7	30.7	-2.2	32.7	-3.5	34.4	-8.5	18.6	-41.1	27.9	-10.0	28.0	-1.1	31.7	-6.8	31.4	-7.1
Apr	29.2	-11.0	34.3	-5.5	29.1	-10.5	29.6	-13.7	30.8	-17.6	28.5	-13.9	26.7	-11.9	27.5	-3.5	29.3	-17.2	29.9	-12.1
May	33.0	0.9	37.3	-0.3	32.4	1.9	33.0	-6.0	35.7	1.1	31.8	-1.9	30.4	-4.7	29.2	0.7	36.5	12.0	33.8	0.0
Jun																				
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Average:																				
Jan-May05	32.6		37.0		31.4		34.2		36.5		32.1		31.2		29.3		34.2		33.6	
Jan-May06	31.5		36.6		31.2		32.7		35.1		28.8		29.4		28.1		33.6		32.4	
% Change	-3.4		-1.2		-0.7		-4.2		-3.9		-10.3		-5.7		-4.4		-1.7		-3.6	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Calderbank at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Calderbank@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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